



THE FED CONNECTION

Federated Church Newsletter

March 1, 2017

At DeWitt's End

There is an old hymn that begins with these lyrics:

"We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right. A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light."

I haven't thought of that hymn in a long time, but its message is so true. We, as individuals who have committed our hearts to God; we, the collection of believers who gather at the Federated Church; we, the collection of believers who live all across the planet; we have a story to tell to the nations.

God wants all of us to tell His story to others. God wants us to share His story of truth and mercy, His story of peace and light. That's a big part of the reason the Federated Church exists at all. That is a big part of why we have been here for the past 100 years. We have a story to tell.

The chances are you know this story. You have read it. You have heard it. You may have taught it. But it never hurts to be reminded of the basics of the story. So that is why I will be looking at the basics of the story of truth and mercy and peace and light during the Lenten season.

I hope you will be in church to hear the story, but more than that, I hope you take the story to heart and share the story with others. Share it by the way you live. Share it by the way you act and react. Share it by your attitudes. Share it by your actions. And, occasionally as the opportunity arises, share it by talking to others.

We've a story to tell. Learn the story and share it with others this week, this month, this year.

Serving with you,
Dan D.

Tuesday Bible Study/Fellowship

Pastor Dan and Linda are hosting a Tuesday night Bible study / fellowship time at their home on Tuesday nights at 7:00. The study continues to look at some issues raised in the book: "What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be A Christian? A Guide to What Matters Most" by Martin Thielen.

Annual Meeting

Our annual business meeting this year will be Sunday, Feb. 26, immediately following the morning worship. After the business meeting, we will have a church potluck in the Fellowship Hall. The Session will provide the meat dishes and drinks. You are asked to provide a side dish (vegetable, dessert, etc.).

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Coming Sermons

Mar. 5 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

“Who Is Jesus?” Matthew 16:13-16

We all must answer a lot of important questions throughout our lives. But the most important question we must answer is the one Jesus asks in Matthew 16:13: who do you say that Jesus is? Who is Jesus to you? Is He merely a baby in a manger at Christmas? Is He one of many teachers? Is He a prophet? Or is he something more? Who is Jesus to you?

Mar. 12 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

“What Matters Most” Mark 12:28-34

Of all the things that clamor for our time, energy and attention, what matters most? What is the bottom line of this crazy world in which we live? It’s a good question, and it’s the question which Jesus addresses in Mark 12:28ff. Jesus’ answer: relationships – with God and others.

Mar. 19 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

“God’s Amazing Grace” John 8:1-11

In one way or another, every religion in the world requires people to earn “God’s” approval – every religion except Christianity. The one belief that is completely unique to the Christian faith is grace: God’s unconditional love and acceptance of us just as we are. At its core, Christianity is all about God’s amazing grace.

Mar. 26 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

“Where Is God?” John 1:1-5, 14

CC-Chancel Choir	CE-Christian Education	CWH-Children’s Worship Hour	EPIC-Youth Ministry
FF-Fellowship Feast	FG-Fellowship Group	HOW-Heart of Worship	LBS-Ladies Bible Study
MG-Men’s Group	AS-Adult Study	SG-Small Group	SLM-Spiritual Life
WBS-Women’s Bible Study	WMT-Worship Ministry Team	LCM-Leaders Coordination Meeting	
ABC-Adult Baptism Class	TBS-Tuesday Bible Study	LB-Lenten Breakfast Series	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>March</u>			1 9:30 am-LB 6 pm-HOW & EPIC 7 pm-CC	2 3:30-WBS	3	4 7am-MG 10 am-Quilters
5 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	6	7 7 pm-TBS	8 9:30 am-LB 6 pm-HOW & EPIC 7 pm-CC	9 3:30 pm-WBS 7 pm-Session	10	11 7am-MG
12 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	13	14 7 pm-TBS	15 9:30 am-LB 6 pm-HOW & EPIC 7 pm-CC	16 3:30 pm-WBS 7 pm SCUG	17 St. Patrick’s Day	18 7am-MG
19 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	20 6:30 pm-Fair City Quilters	21 3 pm-WMT 7 pm-TBS	22 9:30 am-LB 6 pm-HOW & EPIC 7 pm-CC	23 3:30 pm-WBS	24	25 7 am-MG
26 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	27	28 4:30 pm-FF-Union Cong. 7 pm-TBS	29 9:30 am-LB 6 pm-HOW & EPIC 7 pm-CC	30 3:3—WBS	31	

Ministry of Prayer

Please keep the following in your prayers

- Our sympathy to Juanita Anderson and her family on the death of her daughter, Linda Campbell.
- Dick & Barb Rothlisberger's aunt Sue
- The Cromwell's friend, Keith
- Patti Fox
- Doris Waldrop
- Wanda Goff
- John & Diane Klene
- Brian Hutchinson
- Pastor Terry Jensen
- Bill Griffiths' daughter, Diane Casurella
- Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa
- Laurel Li Mack's niece, Tracey Brewer
- Carol Pruski
- Walt and Margaret Droppa
- Gloria Gilbertson's daughter, Sonja
- Vicki Damato & Joyce Mackie.
- ◆ Judy Roher
- ◆ Tia O'Neill

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Homebound, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living

June Bannister, Irma Grady, Tia O'Neill, Lois Peterson & G.L. Hartman

New in Our Church Library-This Road We Traveled: by Jane Kirkpatrick, **Waves of Mercy:** by Lynn Austin, **Because You're Mine:** by Colleen Coble, **The Undoing of Saint Silvanus:** by Beth Moore, **Thunder Dog:** by Michael Hingson. **DVD: Risen**

4th Tuesday Feast-Tuesday, March 28, at Union Congregational. We are on casseroles this month.

Community Health Network-If you are not a part of the Community Health Network and would like to be, there are sign up sheets near the bulletin board or see Carolyn Meier.

Thank you-Ruth Breunig's family would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers and the food at the luncheon following her service.

Save the Date-100 Year Celebration-Our church will be celebrating our 100 year anniversary this summer. Please reserve the following dates on your calendar so you can be a part of the celebration. June 23-25, 2017.

Session meeting-Session will be meeting March 9 at 7 p.m. We encourage both the outgoing and the incoming Session members to be present. We will meet in the adult Sunday School room upstairs.

Membership / Baptism / Dedication-If you would like to officially join the church, be baptized or have your child baptized or dedicated, call, email or talk to Pastor Dan. He will be offering a membership / baptism / dedication class in the near future and will coordinate the specifics of the class with those who "sign up."

Lenten Breakfast Series

Beginning March 1, we will be hosting Inter-denominational Lenten Breakfasts in the Fellowship Hall of the Federated Church from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. each Wednesday through April 5. Come join us for a time of fellowship and devotion.



- 3-2 Jessica Williams
- 3-3 Laurel Li Mack
- 3-10 Sean Williams
- 3-14 Trisha Williams & Tristan Shumway
- 3-18 Spencer Wiegman
- 3-19 Cassie Weber
- 3-22 Rebecca Plante
- 3-23 Steve Carlson & Sarah Hohenberger

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00—12:00

Sunday Worship

Children's Worship
Hour

9:30 a.m.

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